

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (cancelled).

Recast claim 2 in independent form without substantive change as follows:

2. (Amended). In combination with a housing of a module enclosing a plurality of elongated processing elements through which a contaminate-laden fluid is filtered; the improvement residing in: sealing means for establishing a sealed chamber within the module housing through which the contaminate-laden fluid is conducted externally of the processing elements; holding means for positioning the elongated processing elements within the sealed chamber in a bundled condition; spacer means for maintaining the bundled processing elements in laterally spaced relation to each other throughout within the sealed chamber to accommodate lateral withdrawal of the filtered fluid from the processing elements as a cleansed portion of the contaminate-laden fluid; and ~~The combination as defined in claim 1, including~~ drain means on the housing for discharging said cleansed portion of the contaminate laden fluid from the sealed chamber in response to filtration by the elongated processing elements.

3. (Previously amended). The combination as defined in claim 2, wherein said sealing means includes: a pair of axially spaced seal rings in radially outer sealing contact with the module housing; and said holding means is retained within said seal rings for anchoring therein opposite end portions of the processing elements in the bundled condition.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Cancelled).